

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-12 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1 and 10 have been amended, claim 7 is cancelled, and new claims 13-20 are presented for examination.

Claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 12 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi et al (US 6,332,083) in view of Azenkot et al (US 6,791,995) and Pau (US 6,735,426). Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Shi, Azenkot, and Pau, and further in view of Tirola et al (US 6,529,545). Claims 6 and 7 stand objected to, but are believed to contain allowable subject matter.

In order to gain allowance of this case, the claims have been amended in the following manner. Independent claim 1 has been amended to include all of the limitations of allowable claim 7. Claim 7, in turn, has been cancelled. Independent claim 10 has been amended to also include all of the limitations of claim 7. No new matter has been included in either claim 1 or claim 10. New claims 13-20 correspond to previous claims 1-9 in the following manner:

New Claim	Corresponding Previous Claim(s)
13	1 + 5 + 6
14	2
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16	4
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20	12

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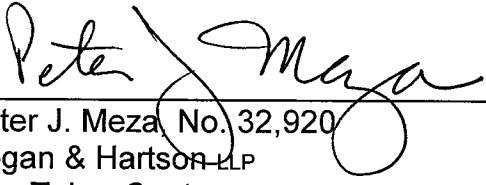
Claim 13 is deemed to be allowable as including all of the limitations of base claim 1, allowable claim 6, and intervening claim 5. Claims 14-20 are deemed to be allowable as being dependent upon allowable claim 13. Claims 13-20 are properly supported as they correspond to previously filed claims, or a combination thereof.

In view of all of the above, remaining claims 1-6 and 8-20 are now believed to be allowable and the case in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner be of the opinion that a telephone conference would expedite the prosecution of this case, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicant's attorney at the telephone number listed below.

No fee is believed due for this submittal. However, any fee deficiency associated with this submittal may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-1123.

Respectfully submitted,

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